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Population Projections for Alabama and the Major Metropolitan areas: 1985 to 2010

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Population projection totals for Alabama and the major metropolitan areas in the State for the years 1985 to 2010 are reported in the table below. These projections are part of a more detailed series of population projections prepared by the Alabama State Data Center within the Center for Business and Economic Research at The University of Alabama for Alabama counties by age, race, and sex for the years 1985 to 1995, and projections by total, race, and sex without age detail for the years 1985 to 2010. The projections are expected to be published and available for sale in the near future.

The population projections are based on a cohort component methodology generally regarded as a standard in population research. The population of each age group or cohort is projected into the future based on estimates of the impact of each of the three components of population change: births, deaths, and net migration. The population projections are derived by applying the birth, death, and net migration rates to the enumerated 1980 population. The population is projected in detail by age, race and sex from 1980 to 1985, and the projections are then adjusted to approximate 1985 U.S. Bureau of the Census population estimates for Alabama counties. The 1985 population is then projected to the year 2010.

Major Trends

The period from 1970 to 1980 was one of relatively rapid population growth for the State of Alabama. The State's population grew by 13.1% compared with a growth rate for the United States of 11.3%. However, population growth has slowed over the last five years in Alabama with the State's population increasing by approximately 3.3% from 1980 to 1985 while the population of the United States is estimated to have increased by approximately 5.4%. The decrease in the rate of population growth is not as dramatic as it may seem since a ten year growth rate is being compared with a five year growth rate. Still, the rate of growth has declined, and the population projections presented here reflect the reduced rate of population growth observed in recent Census Bureau estimates for both the State and the nation.

The State's population is projected to grow at an average annual rate of approximately 0.8% from 1985 to 2010. This rate of growth implies an average annual addition of approximately 33,500 persons to the State's population, and that level of growth should not place any undue burden on the State's ability to provide key services to the population. However, the age structure of the State will be changing following a general pattern of the aging of the U.S. population, so there may be slightly increased demands for geriatric medical services and convalescent/retirement facilities. In 1980 approximately 11.3% of the population of both the State and the nation were aged 65 or more. The current population projections indicate an increase in the State's age 65 and over population to approximately 13.25% by 1995 with the 65 and over population remaining at approximately 13% of the population through the year 2010.

All areas within the State are not projected to grow at the same rate, and in fact some areas are projected to lose population. If current trends continue, the ten fastest growing counties for the period from 1990 to 1995 are expected to be: Shelby county (+18.9%); St. Clair county (+13.2%); Baldwin county (+11.5%); Elmore county (+10.8%); Houston county (+8.6%); Autauga county (+8.3%); Blount county (+6.8%); Cherokee county (+6.7%); Jackson county (+6.6%); and, Montgomery county (+6.6%). The five counties expected to experience the greatest percentage loss of population from 1990 to 1995 if current trends continue are: Perry county (-6.2%); Bullock county (-5.2%); Wilcox county (-5.0%); Dale county (-3.0%); and, Sumter county (-2.9%). However, none of the counties should experience major population losses and population trends can change dramatically in a short period of time. For example, Madison county experienced very slow population growth from 1970 to 1980 (+5.6%), and then experienced one of the State's highest growth rates from 1980 to 1985 (+11.4%).

The coming years should find the greatest absolute population increases in Mobile, Shelby, Montgomery, Madison, and Baldwin counties. Of course this is not too surprising since these are five of the larger counties in the State. Jefferson county, the State's most heavily populated, is expected to experience moderate population increases through the year 2000, and then to experience slight population decreases in 2005 and 2010. However, the data on Jefferson county can be misleading since it is the center of the Birmingham Metropolitan Area consisting of Jefferson, Walker, Blount, St. Clair, and Shelby counties, and the entire metropolitan area is expected to experience population gains all through the projection period.

Much of the population growth in the State is expected to occur in counties which are part of metropolitan areas. Eight of the ten fastest growing counties constitute part of one of the metropolitan areas in the State with Shelby, St. Clair, and Blount counties being part of the Birmingham Metropolitan Area; Elmore, Autauga, and Montgomery counties part of the Montgomery Metropolitan Area; Baldwin county part of the Mobile Metropolitan Area; and, Houston county part of the Dothan Metropolitan area. Cherokee and Jackson counties which are also included in the ten fastest growing counties in the State are on the fringes of existing metropolitan areas.

Counties expected to experience the slowest growth or

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	28,068	23,421	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,906	1,795	2,073	1,888	2,188	2,220	2,335
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	137,180	142,269	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848	13,096	12,777	11,916	13,164	11,816	11,641
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	338,597	341,068	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,610	26,532	32,108	31,360	41,574	33,528	34,716
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	19,807	21,472	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680	1,988	1,917	1,768	1,953	1,812	1,833
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	24,250	23,537	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967	1,864	1,859	1,905	1,813	1,919	1,906
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,514	6,292	550	542	519	499	492	547	518	511	550	509	558	556	
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] ($1,000)	3,025,500	2,842,700	260,700	228,700	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000	241,700	176,400	201,900	299,400	274,100	252,200
Residential	1,232,400	1,198,500	135,400	105,800	111,000	113,400	86,200	68,800	88,800	69,800	88,200	82,400	122,300	134,400	130,200
Nonresidential	920,300	1,064,900	72,600	94,400	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600	136,000	72,200	55,100	94,100	111,800	80,900
Public works and utilities	873,100	578,700	39,400	41,900	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700	35,900	16,000	64,300	83,200	27,900	41,000
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,197	1,306	125	116	120	132	122	121	116	85	102	93	123	131	117
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] ($1,000,000)	5,887	6,529	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495	6,529	6,579	6,603	6,659	6,675	6,710
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,637,841	2,772,554	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043	206,174	243,809	202,254	267,352	270,377	267,639
Franchise	64,476	69,838	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372	355	621	1,437	43,281	1,905	1,897
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	207,095	202,540	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282	16,159	17,475	16,481	15,086	17,075	18,417
Income	1,009,832	1,084,830	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152	82,917	71,459	84,567	105,706	103,061	138,293
Motor fuels	50,278	51,923	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636	5,101	3,669	4,658	3,869	3,648	5,528
Oil gas privilege	70,183	64,951	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421	5,083	5,411	4,970	8,183	3,309	3,225
Oil gas production	17,331	17,601	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199	1,384	1,478	1,341	2,236	911	882
Sales	704,299	730,389	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305	60,852	76,617	53,661	56,925	66,147	64,563
Gross receipts	54,765	54,973	448	12	13,639	23		13,922	84		13,957	1	1	13,363	600
TVA electric	36,734	42,847	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719	3,719
Tobacco	70,022	72,775	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961	6,104	6,258	5,451	5,799	5,432	6,528
Use	75,723	79,258	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476	606	20,617	1,269	795	18,735	1,675
Utility	151,261	156,209	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259	12,197	13,140	17,182	11,549	12,229	12,200
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] (1967 = 100)															
All items	311.1	322.2	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	326.0	325.3	326.3
Percent Change	4.3	3.6	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	-3	-5	-2	3
Food	302.9	309.8	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0	313.2	315.6	315.3	315.4	316.1	317.0
Housing	336.5	349.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	357.0	358.0	358.5
Fuel and utilities	387.3	393.6	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1	393.3	394.6	390.0	385.5	381.8	382.5
Apparel and upkeep	200.2	206.0	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2	209.0	205.0	204.1	206.3	207.3	206.4
Transportation	311.7	319.9	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	309.6	303.3	305.7
Medical care	379.5	403.1	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0	414.7	416.2	422.3	425.8	428.0	429.7
Energy	423.6	426.5	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1	426.5	424.7	408.9	381.3	361.8	367.6
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	310.3	308.8	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.3	305.9	308.0	309.5	310.2	308.9	304.4	300.3	297.9	299.2
Industrial commodities	322.6	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.4	323.7	322.2	324.4	324.7	325.1	325.8	316.9	314.0	311.3	311.7
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	321	310	311	310	310	309	308	307	306	305	305	305	307	307	305
Wholesale prices	322	324	323	323	324	325	327	325	323	322	324	329	333	336	334
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,792.0	1,803.0	1,802.7	1,814.4	1,821.4	1,812.1	1,807.2	1,824.7	1,813.4	1,797.5	1,801.9	1,827.9	1,851.8	1,868.0	1,893.5
Unemployment	200.0	160.0	148.2	155.7	163.8	153.0	146.8	146.9	147.2	149.3	164.5	167.9	178.7	169.5	175.5
Unemployment rate	11.1	8.9	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.1	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.3
Employment	1,592.0	1,643.0	1,654.5	1,658.7	1,657.6	1,659.1	1,660.4	1,677.8	1,666.2	1,648.2	1,637.4	1,660.0	1,673.1	1,698.5	1,718.0
Nonagricultural	1,387.7	1,422.4	1,427.7	1,427.9	1,431.9	1,425.3	1,422.9	1,436.1	1,440.6	1,439.9	1,428.6	1,432.7	1,428.3	1,443.8	1,444.5
Manufacturing	359.8	356.5	358.8	362.2	356.7	358.3	356.9	356.2	355.8	354.3	351.9	354.4	347.0	355.8	355.3
Durable goods	174.1	174.8	176.3	177.6	174.7	174.9	174.3	174.0	174.1	173.7	173.8	173.7	174.5	175.9	175.6
Lumber and wood products	29.5	29.2	29.9	30.3	29.8	29.8	28.7	28.4	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.1	28.6	29.0	28.6
Stone, clay, glass products	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.2	9.1
Primary metals	26.6	26.5	26.8	26.7	26.3	26.5	26.4	26.3	25.9	25.9	26.0	25.1	25.1	25.5	25.6
Blast furn. and steel works	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.8	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.2
Iron and steel foundries	10.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.4	10.4
Fabricated metals	22.8	22.7	22.9	23.0	22.5	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	18.0	19.7	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.6	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.5	20.0	20.2	20.3	20.2
Electrical, electronic equip.	23.3	22.7	22.6	23.1	22.6	22.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.6	22.9	22.8	23.0
Transportation	25.4	26.5	26.4	26.5	26.8	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.6	27.4	27.6	28.2	27.9	27.9	28.1
Other durable goods	19.6	18.4	18.9	18.9	17.7	17.7	17.5	18.2	18.5	18.4	18.2	18.6	16.9	19.0	18.9
Nondurable goods	185.7	181.7	182.5	184.6	182.0	183.4	182.6	182.2	181.7	180.6	180.1	180.7	172.5	179.9	179.7
Food	28.0	28.9	28.9	29.3	29.6	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.4	29.3	29.3	29.5
Textile mill products	39.2	36.3	36.5	36.5	35.6	36.0	36.5	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.6	37.0	36.8
Apparel	55.6	52.7	53.2	54.6	53.0	54.7	53.7	53.0	52.1	51.2	50.5	50.9	43.0	49.9	50.6
Paper and allied products	21.4	21.6	21.6	21.9	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.4	21.0
Printing and publishing	11.3	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8
Chemicals and allied products	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.6
Rubber products	16.1	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.8
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,027.9	1,065.9	1,068.9	1,065.7	1,075.2	1,067.0	1,066.0	1,079.9	1,084.8	1,085.6	1,074.7	1,078.3	1,081.3	1,088.0	1,089.2
Mining and quarrying	14.2	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.6	14.6	13.7	12.7	13.0	12.6	12.4
Bituminous coal mining	9.9	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.2	9.2	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.3
Contract construction	64.8	71.1	71.8	71.7	74.2	74.1	74.3	74.4	74.2	73.1	70.7	69.0	69.9	70.8	71.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	72.1	72.7	72.9	74.0	73.6	73.2	72.9	72.8	72.4	72.6	71.9	71.3	71.3	71.3	71.4
Trade	291.3	303.2	303.8	306.1	305.2	306.7	303.4	303.3	308.5	313.9	307.3	306.2	307.2	309.9	311.3
Wholesale	73.7	76.1	76.0	76.8	76.3	76.7	77.3	77.1	76.9	76.9	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.9	76.8
Retail	217.6	227.1	227.8	229.3	228.9	230.0	226.1	226.2	231.6	237.0	230.9	229.3	230.6	233.0	234.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	62.8	65.7	64.9	65.8	66.3	66.7	66.4	66.5	66.5	67.1	67.1	67.4	68.0	68.4	68.9
Service and miscellaneous	229.4	241.4	242.2	241.6	242.8	242.1	243.7	245.1	243.8	243.6	243.0	244.4	246.2	247.8	247.3
Government	293.4	297.3	298.7	291.8	298.3	289.4	290.5	303.2	304.8	300.7	301.0	307.3	305.7	307.2	306.2
Federal	64.9	65.2	66.0	66.7	66.4	65.6	64.5	64.0	63.7	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.6	64.0
State and local	228.4	232.1	232.7	225.1	231.9	223.8	226.0	239.2	241.1	237.0	237.5	243.8	242.1	243.4	242.2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	212,083	233,117	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	16,976	14,252	23,564	17,409	18,856		
Nonagricultural placements	97,761	94,868	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	6,365	5,359	6,225	5,648	6,392		
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	435,832	420,689	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	26,116	40,641	67,431	28,573	32,598		
Payments *($1,000)*	172,593	172,909	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	12,042	14,151	20,141	15,497	15,660		
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,670	15,250	15,330	15,240	15,330	15,340	15,340	15,630	15,470	15,090	14,950	15,170	15,290	15,260	15,590
	9.6	8.7	8.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.2	8.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.9
Baldwin	35,530	37,580	37,500	37,830	38,020	37,330	37,280	37,520	37,920	37,710	37,660	38,070	38,400	38,650	39,170
	10.9	7.7	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.2
Barbour	12,220	11,520	11,340	11,570	11,700	11,630	11,780	11,810	11,690	11,460	11,250	11,340	11,620	11,640	11,880
	10.5	10.5	10.7	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.1	10.2
Bibb	6,240	6,880	7,020	6,980	6,850	6,910	6,640	6,720	6,710	6,690	6,790	6,990	6,960	7,060	7,250
	16.6	12.4	9.4	8.9	12.0	14.7	13.5	11.8	12.9	13.8	15.3	13.8	11.8	13.8	12.8
Blount	16,760	17,220	17,340	17,310	17,300	17,090	17,160	17,250	17,280	17,180	17,220	17,680	18,660	18,080	18,380
	11.0	6.9	7.4	6.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.5	7.6	10.8	6.9	7.9
Bullock	4,520	3,670	3,680	3,730	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,790	3,730	3,630	3,570	3,590	3,600	3,630	3,960
	14.5	16.4	17.5	15.5	18.4	17.4	14.6	14.5	15.8	18.4	18.1	17.2	15.9	14.6	20.0
Butler	9,800	9,070	9,050	9,080	9,190	9,110	9,080	9,220	8,970	8,850	8,680	8,830	9,000	9,320	9,460
	13.8	12.3	11.3	13.6	12.6	10.5	10.0	15.5	11.0	10.3	11.0	10.6	10.4	11.4	11.1
Calhoun	47,500	49,990	49,830	50,220	50,470	50,320	49,980	50,340	50,210	49,910	50,160	50,520	50,780	51,410	51,760
	11.3	8.9	9.3	9.4	9.4	8.6	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.4
Chambers	16,500	16,930	16,800	17,150	17,200	17,010	17,200	16,960	16,880	16,870	16,770	17,160	17,240	17,360	17,540
	9.3	9.8	8.3	9.6	10.3	8.9	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.1	8.0
Cherokee	11,670	7,960	7,820	7,920	7,980	7,940	7,900	7,920	7,790	7,530	7,610	7,670	7,700	7,880	8,190
	14.0	14.8	14.2	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.6	12.2	13.0	13.5	13.2	22.0	13.9	12.6
Chilton	16,180	15,130	15,040	14,930	14,980	15,210	15,210	15,410	15,260	15,020	15,320	15,350	15,420	15,690	15,990
	11.3	10.3	9.6	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.8	10.0	9.4	9.1	9.1
Choctaw	5,790	6,540	6,440	6,650	6,740	6,460	6,470	6,550	6,660	6,580	6,620	6,610	6,910	7,000	7,090
	16.3	14.6	15.3	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.5	10.3	12.0	11.4	12.1	12.4	19.7	16.0	16.3
Clarke	10,630	11,040	10,840	11,290	11,270	11,040	10,960	11,210	10,870	11,010	11,100	11,150	11,220	11,320	11,380
	14.3	9.9	8.1	9.4	10.2	7.8	7.8	9.4	9.5	10.7	10.5	10.4	15.7	11.0	10.4
Clay	7,580	6,400	6,490	6,310	6,330	6,350	6,350	6,430	6,370	6,290	6,390	6,270	6,570	6,790	6,690
	10.9	11.1	11.9	14.1	13.6	10.5	10.3	9.3	8.3	8.0	18.2	9.7	20.1	23.4	24.2
Cleburne	5,250	5,760	5,700	5,710	5,810	5,630	5,730	5,840	5,710	5,680	5,660	5,650	5,600	5,910	6,010
	10.2	9.1	8.5	7.9	12.1	6.4	6.8	7.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	8.4	10.2	7.8	6.7
Coffee	20,210	17,030	17,290	17,170	17,110	17,150	17,180	17,560	17,160	16,740	16,950	17,220	17,450	17,510	17,910
	8.4	7.2	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	7.5	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.7
Colbert	23,920	24,540	24,850	24,730	24,390	24,660	24,630	24,490	24,210	23,960	24,110	24,470	24,540	25,050	25,220
	16.4	13.1	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.2	11.7	11.3	11.6	11.6	13.4	13.1	11.9	12.8	12.2
Conecuh	7,210	6,300	6,430	6,220	6,260	6,300	6,200	6,310	6,220	6,160	6,380	6,480	6,800	6,690	6,820
	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.5	10.2	11.1	9.6	10.4	10.1	10.5	13.8	12.9	17.3	14.5	14.1
Coosa	5,600	4,620	4,480	4,480	4,540	4,630	4,740	4,830	4,830	4,810	4,810	4,850	4,920	4,770	4,840
	8.0	7.5	6.6	7.4	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	5.5	6.9	7.3	6.8	8.3	8.8
Covington	16,370	17,130	17,560	17,180	17,130	16,990	16,990	17,300	17,110	16,720	16,660	16,940	17,020	17,310	17,700
	9.9	9.7	10.7	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.4	8.2	9.8	10.1	10.6	10.5	10.3
Crenshaw	7,460	6,110	6,230	6,000	6,050	6,070	6,110	6,250	6,100	5,910	5,800	5,880	6,050	6,000	6,240
	11.0	9.1	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.1	8.1	8.6	8.8	8.4	13.7	8.0	7.7
Cullman	29,550	30,430	30,900	30,890	30,300	30,780	30,750	31,370	29,970	30,140	29,910	30,400	30,670	30,800	31,540
	11.5	9.6	8.4	8.7	9.1	9.4	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.6	8.9	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.3
Dale	22,740	19,530	19,610	19,560	19,660	19,570	19,490	19,750	19,590	19,330	19,500	19,910	20,150	20,450	20,750
	7.7	7.4	7.0	6.6	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.9	8.3	8.1
Dallas	23,130	22,310	22,140	22,200	22,990	22,390	22,570	22,970	22,570	22,370	22,430	22,530	22,790	22,880	23,410
	15.7	15.0	13.5	14.3	17.9	14.4	14.9	16.1	15.4	15.7	16.1	14.7	15.0	14.7	15.3
DeKalb	30,830	27,460	27,420	27,710	27,800	28,200	28,010	28,100	27,440	27,000	26,940	27,350	27,880	27,970	28,810
	10.8	10.4	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.1	10.5	10.4	10.6	9.0	9.1
Elmore	20,770	20,780	20,990	21,090	20,940	20,830	20,640	20,920	21,060	20,850	20,520	20,870	21,090	21,180	21,560
	7.7	7.3	8.0	7.9	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	7.3	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.9
Escambia	18,110	16,740	16,700	16,940	16,930	16,780	17,000	16,750	16,650	16,740	16,760	16,920	17,120	17,290	17,610
	12.1	9.9	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.9	10.0	14.0	11.2	11.2
Etowah	42,610	42,220	41,890	42,460	42,980	42,930	42,670	42,490	42,160	41,880	41,790	43,060	43,680	43,660	44,480
	13.4	10.3	9.0	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.1	10.1	14.8	16.3	12.9	14.3
Fayette	10,440	8,230	8,310	8,060	7,970	7,980	8,110	8,270	8,160	8,010	8,060	8,140	8,160	8,200	8,210
	9.5	14.4	14.8	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.2	13.2	12.6	13.0	13.6	12.9	13.5	14.2	12.9
Franklin	14,830	15,050	15,010	15,380	15,410	15,210	15,180	15,130	15,080	14,560	14,800	14,950	14,970	15,110	15,000
	18.6	13.6	11.8	12.0	13.1	12.6	12.7	11.9	13.3	13.2	15.2	14.9	14.2	12.7	11.5
Geneva	11,740	10,710	10,790	10,960	10,490	10,680	10,850	11,130	10,810	10,570	10,470	10,740	11,040	11,020	11,380
	8.2	9.5	7.3	6.8	7.9	8.5	7.2	7.1	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	8.4
Greene	4,760	3,840	3,790	3,800	3,850	3,800	3,830	3,810	3,730	3,630	3,620	3,760	3,950	3,810	3,890
	17.1	17.7	16.8	18.1	17.9	16.4	15.2	13.9	13.4	13.2	13.5	15.0	17.2	13.8	13.4
Hale	5,480	5,890	5,920	5,850	5,960	5,910	5,910	6,020	5,960	5,760	5,730	5,800	5,900	5,980	6,280
	17.1	11.3	11.0	11.6	12.5	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.6
Henry	7,290	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,810	6,760	6,900	7,080	6,910	6,720	6,670	6,790	6,840	6,780	6,890
	9.4	10.6	9.3	8.8	11.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.2	10.1	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.4	8.6
Houston	36,540	33,720	33,590	33,840	33,830	34,030	33,810	34,210	34,120	33,580	34,090	34,480	34,750	35,470	35,730
	9.0	8.4	7.3	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	8.8	9.7	8.9
Jackson	19,790	20,490	20,830	20,600	20,640	20,490	20,180	20,300	20,230	19,810	20,300	20,700	20,800	20,580	20,950
	16.8	12.3	11.0	10.4	11.3	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.7	13.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	12.7	12.4
Jefferson	303,510	312,350	311,610	315,020	316,370	314,640	314,290	315,990	314,720	314,200	312,760	317,270	322,760	327,950	330,520
	9.8	6.9	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.1
Lamar	9,340	8,800	8,780	8,920	9,040	8,850	8,820	8,860	8,810	8,670	8,630	8,760	8,830	8,900	9,010
	7.3	8.0	6.7	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.5	7.6	7.9
Lauderdale	35,600	36,160	36,120	36,340	36,690	36,470	36,400	36,320	36,050	35,820	35,670	36,560	36,680	36,840	37,510
	14.8	10.8	9.6	10.2	12.1	10.3	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.6	11.6	12.0	10.9	10.4	10.7
Lawrence	13,450	12,630	12,790	12,790	12,730	12,810	12,870	13,130	12,740	12,420	12,450	12,590	12,720	12,730	13,050
	15.1	12.7	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.4	14.0	15.2	15.0	14.2	14.0	12.4
Lee	38,470	37,750	37,980	38,590	37,510	37,360	37,150	38,010	37,980	37,330	37,300	38,180	38,240	38,460	38,660
	6.5	7.0	5.9	9.1	8.5	7.5	6.9	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.3	8.6	7.0	6.9	6.9
Limestone	20,230	27,040	26,830	26,910	27,060	27,450	27,940	28,680	28,590	27,990	28,300	28,700	29,070	29,410	29,860
	10.8	7.1	6.7	6.9	7.7	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.0	8.3	9.2	9.2	8.4	8.4
Lowndes	5,090	4,630	4,600	4,650	4,910	4,890	4,720	4,810	4,640	4,530	4,360	4,420	4,530	4,540	4,660
	18.3	14.0	14.8	16.1	14.4	13.5	11.3	11.4	10.3	10.4	11.5	12.1	12.3	13.7	14.2
Macon	8,150	10,460	10,530	10,440	10,700	10,620	10,470	10,570	10,490	10,330	10,340	10,420	10,490	10,590	10,800
	11.1	8.5	7.9	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.1	9.1
Madison	117,780	117,770	117,270	118,030	118,420	119,010	118,410	120,100	119,830	119,020	119,030	120,730	122,630	123,790	125,440
	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.4
Marengo	9,720	9,940	10,220	9,850	10,200	9,870	9,760	9,820	9,820	9,690	9,600	9,750	10,140	9,960	10,110
	14.2	10.7	9.5	9.3	12.0	8.4	8.6	8.8	9.4	9.2	10.0	9.7	15.5	10.2	9.7
Marion	13,580	15,280	15,150	15,280	15,820	15,310	15,260	15,390	15,470	15,420	15,560	15,550	15,640	15,810	16,040
	14.9	13.8	12.0	11.7	13.7	11.2	13.5	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.9	11.8
Marshall	33,050	35,620	35,330	35,590	35,900	35,810	35,960	36,220	35,770	35,260	35,960	36,110	37,050	36,980	37,500
	12.6	8.6	7.6	7.7	10.3	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	11.7	10.1	16.3	10.2	10.4
Mobile	164,730	166,730	167,450	169,780	170,630	167,470	166,100	167,890	167,630	166,330	166,590	169,200	171,160	172,670	175,480
	12.6	9.4	8.7	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	11,140	9,080	8,920	9,060	9,050	9,010	9,080	9,110	9,060	9,000	8,920	8,970	10,200	9,300	9,330
	16.2	13.6	11.4	12.2	11.7	10.3	10.0	10.2	11.5	12.7	12.8	12.0	27.8	13.7	11.7
Montgomery	98,610	91,900	91,890	93,320	92,900	92,770	91,700	92,910	92,390	91,850	91,340	93,020	93,800	94,610	96,370
	8.8	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.7	7.0	7.8
Morgan	38,870	43,370	43,490	43,870	43,990	43,700	43,250	43,890	43,580	43,290	43,710	44,010	44,620	45,070	45,620
	11.5	8.1	7.0	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	9.3	9.6	9.5	9.1	8.7
Perry	5,820	5,330	5,300	5,340	5,490	5,500	5,430	5,490	5,410	5,260	5,170	5,110	5,250	5,230	5,500
	13.3	13.2	11.0	11.3	12.4	13.1	11.2	10.7	14.4	18.7	14.5	9.1	11.0	9.6	11.7
Pickens	7,080	6,970	7,030	6,920	7,090	7,050	7,100	7,250	7,080	6,770	6,730	6,900	6,950	7,070	7,420
	15.9	15.2	15.5	16.2	16.8	15.1	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.5	14.4	14.1	14.3	14.3
Pike	13,560	11,770	11,900	11,680	11,640	11,670	11,890	12,350	12,110	11,300	11,780	11,970	12,090	12,160	12,460
	10.1	8.0	7.3	8.0	7.8	8.0	7.3	7.5	7.1	8.0	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7	8.0
Randolph	8,790	8,870	8,690	8,680	9,060	8,820	8,770	9,100	9,140	9,050	9,010	9,130	9,190	9,300	9,320
	14.9	9.5	8.7	8.0	12.3	8.8	7.9	8.0	7.3	7.4	7.5	6.9	7.3	7.5	11.4
Russell	19,290	20,630	20,450	20,960	21,840	21,020	20,360	20,550	20,620	20,940	20,890	20,860	21,030	21,020	21,000
	12.9	10.5	9.4	10.4	14.6	11.5	9.0	9.2	9.6	10.8	11.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	9.3
St. Clair	19,400	20,690	20,480	20,680	20,610	20,440	20,570	20,750	20,630	20,500	20,640	21,040	21,300	21,380	21,710
	11.5	8.1	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.5	7.9	7.3	6.7	7.5
Shelby	31,910	34,260	34,310	34,610	34,750	34,460	34,250	34,340	34,330	34,190	34,440	34,870	35,010	35,550	35,940
	10.3	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.0	6.1	5.7	5.9	5.7	7.1	6.9	5.5	5.9	6.4
Sumter	7,250	6,140	6,210	6,220	6,210	6,150	6,190	6,240	6,150	5,830	5,950	6,020	6,140	6,240	6,400
	11.5	13.7	11.7	14.7	13.7	13.3	16.3	11.2	15.4	14.5	18.3	19.3	21.4	21.1	21.1
Talladega	31,150	31,540	31,580	31,590	31,710	32,220	31,320	31,380	31,000	30,890	30,970	31,380	31,750	32,180	32,610
	15.8	13.1	12.1	12.7	12.8	13.5	11.6	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.1	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.3
Tallapoosa	17,300	18,260	18,110	18,520	18,690	18,440	18,390	18,350	18,420	18,220	18,280	18,640	18,490	18,800	19,250
	9.4	8.2	6.9	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.9	7.1	6.5	7.5
Tuscaloosa	58,150	64,350	64,570	63,320	63,520	64,440	64,970	65,760	65,860	65,500	65,720	66,900	67,470	68,410	68,810
	9.6	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.8
Walker	32,550	33,090	32,640	32,830	32,820	32,340	32,790	33,110	32,880	32,870	34,980	35,650	35,880	36,370	36,440
	10.3	9.9	8.6	8.2	8.1	7.3	8.2	8.5	8.0	8.3	14.4	14.8	13.8	13.9	13.6
Washington	6,490	5,860	5,710	5,860	6,030	5,870	5,810	5,840	5,820	5,810	5,990	5,910	6,100	6,050	6,160
	18.1	14.9	13.2	14.9	17.4	15.0	13.5	13.2	14.1	15.9	17.2	15.6	18.8	16.8	17.1
Wilcox	5,480	4,390	4,700	4,300	4,450	4,240	4,310	4,410	4,340	4,240	4,210	4,270	4,350	4,400	4,510
	15.3	16.5	13.6	15.6	19.5	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.9	15.5	15.8	15.7	16.3	16.8	16.7
Winston	9,260	10,490	10,450	10,660	10,700	10,140	10,320	10,390	10,510	10,240	10,630	10,710	10,740	10,700	10,560
	19.6	17.1	12.4	14.3	15.2	13.9	20.4	18.4	19.5	20.7	24.1	24.1	22.9	21.3	18.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	726,362	774,987	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740	38,823	43,648	53,389	58,252	70,563	62,021		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,484	13,402	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606	652	1,056	816	984	1,427	1,232		
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	622,949	602,564	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612	35,786	77,169	96,664	77,115	82,535	77,691		
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	21,911	22,799	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474	1,454	1,833	2,074	2,588	2,214	1,620		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[a] *(1,000 tons)*	38,790	38,241	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126	3,344	3,557	3,634	2,937	2,709	3,415
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	24,285	25,020	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776	2,013	2,461	2,074	1,838	1,716	1,792
Gasoline sales[b] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,905,267	1,881,466	166,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	150,060	162,477	159,132	142,757	163,267	176,844	
New passenger car registrations[c] *(number)*	141,896	153,540	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	17,448	12,933	10,948	11,634	12,531	11,912	12,333	12,818	13,221
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[d] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,653	3,731	314	324	316	321	302	304	307	316	304	291	226		
General stores with food and gas	175	188	18	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	15	13	14		
General merchandise	2,382	2,579	213	205	194	213	194	202	246	386	193	168	218		
Apparel	568	595	48	46	44	52	48	47	53	82	40	39	48		
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	544	587	50	48	48	51	48	47	54	65	48	44	41		
Automotive	3,088	3,412	324	312	304	319	316	269	240	257	256	267	255		
Gasoline service stations	296	313	28	28	27	29	26	26	25	26	26	22	21		
Lumber and building materials	890	989	91	91	90	91	91	93	87	78	76	72	76		
Hardware and farm implements	427	433	45	37	37	34	39	37	31	36	28	29	32		
Eating places	1,293	1,428	127	127	127	134	120	121	121	122	115	112	119		
Drug stores	264	272	25	21	20	21	20	21	22	32	26	23	23		
All other retail	2,162	2,289	196	188	182	192	185	193	193	261	180	167	163		
Total sales by retail concerns	15,741	16,817	1,477	1,441	1,406	1,476	1,405	1,375	1,394	1,677	1,320	1,247	1,236		
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	2,614	2,678	233	228	234	239	235	235	229	256	210	193	195		
Total all sales at retail	18,355	19,494	1,710	1,667	1,640	1,714	1,641	1,611	1,623	1,933	1,529	1,441	1,430		
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[d] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	507,895	542,535	47,608	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525		
Birmingham	5,033,827	5,355,157	474,189	449,745	442,434	469,842	451,742	440,932	446,344	524,799	425,513	406,322	390,093		
Dothan	643,669	667,338	59,189	56,096	56,752	57,493	55,862	56,399	53,017	65,764	51,633	49,847	47,939		
Florence	612,947	645,316	55,638	54,531	54,301	57,248	53,663	52,162	55,140	67,127	50,106	46,457	46,824		
Gadsden	459,941	475,376	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	32,443		
Huntsville	1,049,552	1,153,765	102,336	98,639	98,544	104,245	98,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782		
Mobile	2,100,894	2,188,242	191,056	195,353	191,553	190,821	181,096	182,192	174,342	211,080	172,442	157,794	150,243		
Montgomery	1,429,917	1,508,974	131,270	131,870	128,839	129,380	126,632	121,852	122,365	153,081	115,741	112,982	119,922		
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	58,629	58,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,828	46,860		
Counties															
Autauga	96,703	105,941	9,468	8,999	9,284	9,788	8,397	8,828	8,135	9,751	8,780	8,106	7,422		
Baldwin	343,706	355,055	33,180	32,990	34,635	32,213	28,240	26,527	25,498	30,084	25,440	24,756	25,628		
Barbour	71,583	75,342	6,366	6,196	6,570	6,397	6,254	6,270	6,119	7,543	5,790	5,734	5,298		
Bibb	41,388	44,121	3,809	3,751	3,538	3,924	3,908	3,674	3,907	4,431	3,477	3,447	3,833		
Blount	89,053	100,656	9,006	8,906	8,266	8,996	9,029	8,527	8,727	9,210	7,980	7,084	7,224		
Bullock	26,077	25,661	2,091	2,105	2,023	2,009	2,037	2,052	2,094	2,796	2,345	2,066	2,008		
Butler	65,570	63,059	5,645	5,185	5,160	5,222	5,179	5,143	5,105	5,958	5,101	4,681	4,760		
Calhoun	507,895	542,535	47,608	45,756	45,561	49,284	47,349	44,682	45,844	54,412	42,055	39,793	42,525		
Chambers	107,006	108,611	9,716	9,214	9,488	9,292	9,034	9,009	8,967	10,250	8,627	8,387	8,343		
Cherokee	47,907	50,302	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,247	4,462	4,382	3,940	4,130	4,275	3,707	3,366		
Chilton	99,875	109,554	9,836	9,140	8,905	9,566	9,104	8,978	9,308	10,443	8,382	8,393	8,679		
Choctaw	36,637	38,862	3,206	3,250	3,170	3,562	3,155	3,317	3,291	3,687	3,218	2,683	2,649		
Clarke	98,651	107,151	9,468	9,453	9,188	9,266	9,001	8,272	8,763	10,586	8,625	7,636	8,234		
Clay	26,368	26,974	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,218	2,216	2,118	2,439	2,350	2,131	2,108		
Cleburne	22,200	23,626	2,142	2,563	2,189	1,936	2,203	1,958	1,657	1,726	1,662	1,624	1,710		
Coffee	186,107	190,805	16,421	15,643	16,572	16,591	16,654	15,291	15,390	17,902	14,146	13,495	14,001		

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1985								1986				
	1984	1985	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	249,984	249,605	21,924	21,530	21,705	22,169	20,923	19,943	20,207	23,369	19,039	17,717	18,857		
Conecuh	37,533	36,981	3,239	3,118	3,052	3,243	2,970	2,843	3,259	3,522	2,701	2,538	2,306		
Coosa	8,932	10,207	877	929	875	868	778	993	815	913	749	673	733		
Covington	137,578	137,589	12,391	12,182	11,967	12,562	11,568	10,717	10,867	12,601	10,732	10,113	10,777		
Crenshaw	30,988	35,367	2,919	3,270	3,177	2,923	3,137	2,956	2,652	3,237	2,856	2,440	2,936		
Cullman	237,638	251,300	22,693	22,322	21,490	23,115	20,990	20,771	20,900	22,805	18,651	17,674	18,575		
Dale	104,914	114,554	9,991	9,970	9,609	9,796	9,439	9,294	9,697	11,392	8,553	8,512	7,841		
Dallas	199,200	207,828	18,146	17,818	17,613	18,696	17,218	16,648	17,269	19,905	15,718	14,337	15,666		
DeKalb	180,388	189,769	16,807	17,224	15,754	17,162	16,061	19,085	15,105	17,482	14,333	13,737	12,731		
Elmore	102,081	107,758	9,510	9,596	9,339	9,650	9,155	8,430	8,277	9,402	8,427	8,420	8,436		
Escambia	141,761	143,164	13,122	12,932	12,203	11,598	11,176	11,276	11,204	13,968	10,688	10,022	9,969		
Etowah	459,941	475,376	43,077	42,010	40,967	42,701	39,470	38,527	39,442	45,686	35,571	33,991	37,443		
Fayette	64,918	63,274	5,427	5,876	5,769	5,680	5,662	5,416	4,758	5,279	5,250	5,196	4,395		
Franklin	99,529	103,970	8,618	8,730	7,927	8,750	8,082	7,767	8,333	9,072	7,688	6,952	7,696		
Geneva	144,828	145,540	12,649	12,520	12,413	12,336	11,979	11,981	11,696	12,885	11,486	10,719	11,006		
Greene	18,310	16,893	1,475	1,459	1,478	1,555	1,508	1,395	1,345	1,433	1,360	1,391	1,373		
Hale	31,290	31,993	3,027	2,761	2,720	2,794	2,758	2,615	2,464	2,702	2,482	2,462	2,449		
Henry	35,727	38,394	3,068	3,215	3,116	3,488	3,345	3,107	3,107	3,515	3,052	2,686	2,359		
Houston	538,755	552,784	49,198	46,126	47,143	47,697	46,423	47,105	43,320	54,372	43,080	41,335	40,068		
Jackson	136,606	146,010	13,454	12,094	12,118	12,951	12,526	11,443	11,900	13,464	10,757	9,867	10,289		
Jefferson	4,278,971	4,516,064	398,053	376,029	370,860	394,768	381,842	372,753	375,491	447,362	358,625	341,658	329,518		
Lamar	37,982	37,796	3,298	3,673	3,220	3,335	2,846	3,047	3,100	3,529	3,157	2,928	2,495		
Lauderdale	362,963	395,711	33,714	33,001	32,596	35,079	32,740	32,219	34,933	43,758	31,067	28,740	27,967		
Lawrence	51,755	56,634	5,109	4,605	4,609	5,128	4,499	4,571	5,110	6,163	4,286	4,043	4,367		
Lee	346,954	372,493	32,318	31,557	29,500	33,053	32,985	30,705	33,292	38,485	29,698	26,545	28,310		
Limestone	161,477	175,940	15,769	14,610	14,732	16,264	15,128	14,390	13,801	16,860	14,029	13,034	12,801		
Lowndes	16,854	21,618	1,841	1,963	1,825	1,893	2,005	1,749	1,716	2,241	1,577	1,645	1,671		
Macon	45,136	44,351	3,706	3,655	3,721	4,079	4,106	3,983	3,471	3,818	3,986	3,558	3,338		
Madison	1,049,552	1,153,765	102,336	96,639	98,544	104,245	98,054	95,615	97,692	116,127	92,254	86,053	83,782		
Marengo	69,350	77,257	6,914	5,857	6,015	6,620	6,486	6,317	6,460	7,964	6,286	5,827	6,086		
Marion	95,317	104,134	9,285	9,011	8,641	9,071	8,780	8,443	9,043	10,490	8,717	7,996	7,805		
Marshall	339,443	380,792	34,684	33,143	33,589	34,722	32,107	30,426	32,446	35,694	28,582	27,777	28,336		
Mobile	1,757,188	1,833,187	157,876	162,363	156,918	158,608	152,856	155,665	148,844	180,996	147,002	133,038	124,615		
Monroe	102,802	105,947	8,402	8,463	8,290	10,423	9,230	9,332	11,139	12,110	6,001	5,757	5,186		
Montgomery	1,231,133	1,295,275	112,292	113,275	110,216	109,942	109,080	104,594	105,953	133,908	98,534	96,496	104,064		
Morgan	452,408	515,381	45,908	43,560	43,472	46,643	45,075	43,806	45,471	50,082	39,898	37,631	40,047		
Perry	25,165	24,062	2,108	2,079	2,039	2,007	2,100	1,893	1,908	2,164	1,814	1,794	1,810		
Pickens	41,346	41,970	3,872	3,895	3,602	3,902	3,475	3,298	3,338	3,657	3,289	3,163	3,107		
Pike	90,768	99,081	8,760	8,625	8,141	8,974	8,770	8,536	7,944	9,830	8,497	7,567	7,933		
Randolph	57,911	58,073	4,778	4,871	4,463	4,629	4,716	4,680	4,646	5,613	5,215	4,325	4,378		
Russell	121,519	122,804	11,244	10,425	10,411	9,802	9,560	10,371	9,807	11,770	8,977	8,525	9,086		
St. Clair	121,089	137,152	12,875	12,992	11,564	12,701	11,281	11,081	10,755	11,987	10,673	10,786	10,976		
Shelby	253,358	275,753	24,247	23,682	24,089	24,130	22,294	22,528	23,685	25,544	22,889	21,703	20,204		
Sumter	30,989	30,558	2,605	2,541	2,372	2,401	2,342	2,461	2,731	3,028	2,402	2,077	2,248		
Talladega	240,169	257,626	24,626	22,283	22,970	22,251	21,592	20,845	20,612	25,069	20,150	18,670	17,634		
Tallapoosa	127,481	133,195	12,392	12,114	10,986	12,042	10,890	10,691	11,391	12,620	10,367	10,617	10,084		
Tuscaloosa	631,377	673,971	58,629	56,941	56,563	59,450	56,566	55,829	56,258	67,884	55,169	50,828	46,660		
Walker	291,356	325,532	30,008	28,136	27,655	29,247	27,296	26,043	27,686	30,696	25,346	25,081	21,711		
Washington	21,666	20,671	1,999	1,661	1,943	1,697	1,979	1,645	1,620	1,557	1,644	1,525	1,204		
Wilcox	27,999	25,884	2,263	2,116	2,137	2,273	2,011	1,974	2,183	2,316	2,065	1,826	1,692		
Winston	71,301	79,471	6,942	6,830	6,646	7,215	6,723	6,682	6,964	7,433	6,202	5,595	5,974		
Statewide[11]	974,246	1,075,676	84,466	91,123	85,592	93,319	89,724	92,942	98,352	129,987	85,263	79,316	86,068		

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4]End-of-month balance.

[5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index". The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11]Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figures for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Projections continued.

population declines are concentrated in a band in the Southwest portion of the State extending from Sumter and Choctaw counties on the Mississippi border eastward to Lowndes, Bullock and Dale counties. Again, examining data for individual counties in isolation can be misleading. For example, Dale county is also part of the Dothan Metropolitan Area which is expected to continue to grow throughout the projection period, and Bullock, Lowndes, and Dallas counties all border the growing Montgomery Metropolitan Area. In addition, population trends can change in a relatively short period of time given changes in economic conditions and migration patterns.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
ALABAMA	4,021,517	4,194,783	4,360,640	4,524,851	4,685,270	4,855,322
METROPOLITAN AREAS						
ANNISTON	124,734	131,209	137,620	143,945	149,899	155,732
BIRMINGHAM	903,807	938,119	972,722	1,008,175	1,043,959	1,082,094
DOTHAN	125,124	131,337	137,339	144,152	151,101	158,623
FLORENCE	136,196	140,433	144,098	147,236	149,998	152,183
GADSDEN	103,499	105,333	106,697	107,622	108,148	108,727
HUNTSVILLE	219,395	231,927	244,267	256,223	267,905	278,994
MOBILE	469,061	500,534	531,883	563,557	594,653	626,789
MONTGOMERY	288,703	310,507	333,760	358,337	383,838	410,625
TUSCALOOSA	139,613	146,046	152,792	159,879	166,864	174,191

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The Economy in Perspective:

Focus on Crenshaw County

Crenshaw County is in South Alabama immediately South of Montgomery County. It was formed in 1865 from territory taken from Butler, Pike, Lowndes, Coffee, and Covington counties. It was named for the Hon. Anderson Crenshaw of Butler County. Rutledge was the original county seat, but Luverne is the present seat. Luverne has 2,580 people. The next largest town, Brantley, has 1,120. Rutledge has 480.

Crenshaw County has always depended heavily on agriculture. In the 1890s the staple crops were cotton and corn, but livestock and wool growing also received considerable attention. Orchards and vineyards did well in the soil and climate, but a viable market was hard to establish. Today broilers, eggs, and peanuts are the major agricultural products.

Alabama has moved away from an agrarian economy, but Crenshaw County has not moved as far as most other Alabama counties. Twenty-two percent of Crenshaw's total personal income is derived from farming, as opposed to a state average of 1.6 percent. This reliance on farming has not worked to the county's advantage. Farming pays low wages and is not attractive to many young people. Recently agriculture has seen serious problems nationwide, and Alabama has not been exempt. The forecast is for the agricultural situation to improve over the next ten years, but it will never again be a strong backbone for a county's economy.

Although farming is important to the county, manufacturing is more important. The biggest manufacturing industry is apparel with at least four big plants constructing men's or women's clothing. This is not an industry that traditionally pays high wages or requires advanced skills. Fully one-third of the employed people in Crenshaw County are working as operators, assemblers, movers, handlers, cleaners, helpers, or laborers.

Sadly, Crenshaw County's population has been declining for at least the past 50 years. The 1930 Census measured 23,656 people living there; the 1980 Census measured 14,110. A 1986 estimate of the population shows a loss of another 1,000, down to 13,000. It will be at least 1995 before the county shows regular gains instead of losses. Crenshaw County's population is mostly white, but its racial composition almost exactly reflects state averages: three-quarters of the people are white, one-quarter are black, and less than one percent belong to any other race.

In the last decade of the nineteenth century Crenshaw County was praised for its good schools. A particular point was made that the school at Highland Home was a school of considerable distinction for both sexes. The high regard in which education was held in the county seems to have fallen. Many, many Crenshaw County adults have very little formal schooling. Forty-one percent of the adults over 25 have only an elementary school education, or less. An additional 21 percent attended but did not graduate from high school. Thus, 62 percent of Crenshaw County adults do not have a high school diploma.

It is hard to know whether people become discouraged about getting a good education because there are so few opportunities for high-skill jobs, or whether the low-skill jobs are attracted to a county where people have little education to move beyond that level.

The people who live in Crenshaw County have strong ties to the county. The 1980 Census revealed that most of them were born in that county or nearby; that most of them have lived in the same house for at least five years; and that of the people who have moved, most only moved to a different house within Crenshaw County.

Even though opportunities may be limited, most of the working people in Crenshaw County prefer to work within their own county. Some workers commute to Montgomery or Troy. Some drive west into Butler County to work, and some drive south to jobs in Covington or Coffee Counties. Overall, commuters are only a fraction of the total. Most workers who live in Crenshaw work in Crenshaw.

It is not true that Crenshaw County citizens are not ambitious or not intelligent. There are other factors conspiring against the county's economic development. No major highway runs through the county. No major state institution or federal facility is within the county. No tourist or large recreation spots are in Crenshaw County. There are no large (or even medium-sized) towns in the county. Only four other Alabama counties have smaller total populations than Crenshaw (Bullock, Cleburne, Coosa, and Greene). Crenshaw has never in its 121-year history had a large population. But it gets increasingly difficult for an underpopulated area to compete with larger, economically stronger counties. The two industries on which the county has traditionally pinned its hopes, farming and manufacture of nondurable goods, are industries in a stagnant or declining phase. Crenshaw County citizens are typically loyal to their roots, and their roots are deep. But they face difficult times ahead.

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